

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Replacement drawings are enclosed as Attachment A.

Corrections to Fig. 1 have been incorporated. To conform to the font requirements of CFR 1.84, Fig. 2c has been “split” into 2 drawings; Figs. 2c and 2d. Fig. 2d has been marked “New Sheet”. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a communication dated April 21, 2005. Prior to this amendment claims 1-22 were pending. After amending claims 1, 3, 12, and 14, and canceling claims 2 and 13, claims 1, 3-12, and 14-22 remain pending.

Section 2 of the Office Action states that new drawing are required, to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). In response, replacement drawings have been prepared and are enclosed as Attachment A.

The Office Action objects to the use of reference designators "104" and "106" being used to identify the same element. In response, the specification has been amended on page 6 to identify the decoder with reference designator "104", exclusively.

The Office Action also objects to the use of reference designators "100" and "102" in Fig. 1. In response, Fig. 1 has been corrected.

To conform to the font requirements of CFR 1.84, Fig. 2c has been "split" into 2 drawings; Figs. 2c and 2d. Fig. 2d has been marked "New Sheet". No new matter has been added. The specification has been amended accordingly.

In Section 3 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 12 have been rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) with respect to Mizuuchi et al. (US 6,801,720).

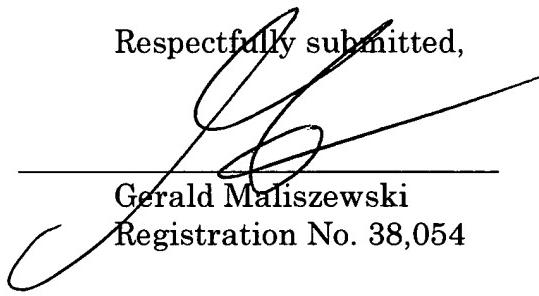
Section 4 of the Office Action states that claims 2-11 and 13-22 would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form, including

all the subject matter of the base and intervening claims. In response, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 2, now canceled. All claims dependent from claim 1 should now be allowable. Claim 12 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 13, now canceled. All claims dependent from claim 12 should now be found allowable. Note, the Applicant neither expressly concurs nor disagrees with the stated reasons for allowance.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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